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SUBJ: VISIT OF JAPANESE SELF DEFENSE FORCE OFFICER TO PRC

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1. JAPANESE EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER TOLD USLO FEBRUARY
22 THAT VISIT TO PRC OF COL. SHIMA, AN ACTIVE DUTY SELF
DEFENSE OFFICER, WOULD TAKE PLACE IN EARLY MARCH.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO RESPONSE TO THE
PARALLEL JAPANESE REQUEST TO THE SOVIETS FOR A VISIT BY A
UNIFORMED SDF MEMBER TO THE SOVIET UNION. PERHAPS, HE
COMMENTED, COL. SHIMA'S VISIT MIGHT PROVOKE AN ANSWER.

3. ALTHOUGH THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HAD THOUGHT IT ADVISABLE TO
ACCEPT THE PRC INVITATION TO COL. SHIMA TO COME AS A GUEST
OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL
DEFENSE. THIS WAS CONSIDERED IN TOKYO TO BE POTENTIALLY TOO
PROVOCATIVE TO THE SOVIETS. HE WILL COME INSTEAD FOR
LIAISON WITH THE JAPANESE MILITARY ATTACHE IN PEKING.
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IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WOULD ALSO HAVE DISCUSSIONS
WITH APPROPRIATE PRC OFFICIALS.
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